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LIBERTY LINK

A Newsletter for Liberty Lake Citizens

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TREE LIGHTING PLANNED FOR DEC 4TH!

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Over these past few weeks the focus has been on our national economy and elections. Election Ballots have been mailed throughout Spokane County, so make your voice heard and vote by the deadline of Tuesday, November 4th.

As for our local economy, we are currently working on the 2009 budget; stretching the tax payers' dollar as far as it can go. On October 21st, an introduction to the levy was given to allow our residents ample time to comment on property taxes before the deadline of November 30th. With our current valuation of \$1.2 billion, our new rate will be a decrease to \$1.54 per \$1,000. Property taxes are held to 1%, plus new construction will help provide for the many services within the community.


Local business establishments will be offering free seminars on educational topics once a month through the winter months at City Hall. Look for upcoming seminars and take advantage of the free knowledge that is being provided.

I am excited to introduce the upcoming Winterfest at Liberty Lake. The tree lighting ceremony at City Hall on December 4th will kick off a three-week festival lasting until December 19th. I am inviting all of those "Griswald Families" to participate in the annual holiday

HOLIDAY EVENTS 2008

By Amanda Tainio

Planning & Building Services Manager



Just a reminder to mark your calendars, and bring the kids to City Hall on Thursday, Dec 4th at 6:00pm for the Annual City Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. We have some great new activities scheduled this year so watch the December Liberty Link for more info.

City of Liberty Lake Canned Food Drive Begins November 24th!

The City will be collecting donations for the Second Harvest Food Bank at City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista from Nov 24th to Dec 22nd.

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contest for illumination of your homes and neighborhoods. This year I am sweetening the contest by donating \$500.00 of my money as the grand prize for the Mayor's pick for the best decorated home in the City! Come ride in a horse-drawn carriage and vote for your favorite holiday home on the carriage route. Watch for the December Liberty Link for more information. Help make some lasting memories and join us for our first Winterfest!

Mayor Wendy Van Orman

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Donations can be dropped off inside during business hours or left in the front atrium if City Hall is closed. Food Donations will also be accepted during the Annual City Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Dec. 4th at City Hall, and kids who donate food that night will be entered into a special drawing!!

Second Harvest leads a network of more than 300 neighborhood food banks and meal centers throughout the region. They provide more than 1 million pounds of donated food each month to help feed hungry people. Take a minute on your next shopping trip to help out the less fortunate this season.



ADD YOUR HOME TO THE 2008 LIGHT TOUR LIST

Through Dec. 8th, the City will be collecting home listings to add to our annual Christmas Light Tour List. To add your home to the list, please stop by City Hall and sign up with your name, address, phone number, and email address; call your info in to 755-6708; or sign-up online at www.libertylakewa.gov. Look for the link under Community News. Between Nov. 26th and Dec. 9th, the list will be updated on the Website as homes are added. A final list with pictures of the homes will be available Friday, Dec. 12th at City Hall, on the Website, and at a variety of local businesses. New this year we will give out awards on Dec. 19th; watch for the December Liberty Link for more info. Good Luck!!



REGIONAL PLANNING

By Doug Smith

Community Development Director

The City has been an active participant in regional planning since 2001. Communities within the Metro Urban Growth Area: Spokane County, Airway Heights, Spokane, Spokane Valley, and Liberty Lake have been working toward improving the coordination of land use, various urban services, and transportation. This type of collaboration advances better decision making and creates an enhanced built environment. The outcome will be adopted inter-local agreements detailing the strategies for development review and the transference of governance. For more info, contact us at 755-6700.

SCHOOL ZONE INFORMATION

By Brian Asmus

Liberty Lake Chief of Police

During the month of October, LLPD has received several complaints regarding driving behavior in the school zone on Molter Road. The complaints include drivers exceeding the posted 20 MPH speed limit, failure to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk, failure to obey the school patrol flaggers and drivers using their cell phones. LLPD is reminding all drivers to be courteous and to drive defensively. Due to the number of complaints, officers will be strictly enforcing the traffic laws and conducting emphasis patrols in the school zone

over the next couple of months. The intent is to get drivers to voluntarily comply with existing laws to help keep our children and community safe.

Speeding in a school zone fine ranges from \$189 to \$487 and cannot be reduced. Failure to obey school patrol is a \$216 fine. Failure to yield to pedestrians is a \$124 fine. Using a cell phone or text messaging while driving is also a \$124 fine.

We all recognize that the area around the school becomes congested with traffic before and after school. We are asking for you to be patient, courteous to others, and extra cautious in the school zone.



MEET YOUR STAFF

Hello, my name is Michelle Griffin and I am the Administrative Receptionist for the City of Liberty Lake. I received my B.A. from California State University Stanislaus and then moved to Corvallis, where I was employed with the City for twelve years as a Senior Administrative Specialist.

My husband and I moved to Washington two years ago so our 4yr old son could grow up near family and we are so very grateful to live in such a beautiful area. In addition to working for the City, I am also employed with the Upper Columbia Resource Conservation and Development Council. I look forward to meeting you soon!



FALL CLEAN-UP TIME AGAIN

By Ron Knudsen

Trailhead Superintendent

If you haven't had a chance to clean up the yard yet, there's still time! The City of Liberty Lake and the maintenance crew will be partnering with the Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District for their leaf pick-up taking place on Saturday, November 15th. For more information you can contact the Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District at 922-5443.



GREETINGS FROM TRAILHEAD

By Molly Thola

Head Golf Professional at Trailhead

The golf course is in tremendous shape as once again, Ron Knudsen (TH Superintendent) and his crew have done a fantastic job throughout the season. The course will be re-measured for distances and re-rated by the WSGA for the Course Rating and Slope this fall. We have done so many wonderful changes and additions to the course over the past couple of years, with a total of 5 new tee boxes; it's amazing to play this little course and realize the many great things that have grown from what the course once was.

Junior Golf Camps, Adult Group Lessons, Private Lessons for all ages and abilities will again be a major factor of the activities here at Trailhead. We will continue our Sunday Family Play after 3pm on

Sundays to continue to grow our Family Community Growth Programs.

For 2009, we will be offering many classes and clinics for all levels of play. We will offer the ability to practice all aspects of your game. Our Driving Range is one of the best in the Spokane area because we have mats (with heaters!) and a grass area to hit from in the summer months. We also have built a practice area on the northeast side of the driving range next to City Hall. That area is available for all players interested in practicing short game (chipping, pitching, bunker shots and putting).

Fall is in the air and Christmas is right around the corner...already! Please remember your golfer during the holidays, as we have gift certificates for merchandise and/or rounds of golf, golf carts, and driving range multi-punch cards for additional savings. Remember the golf course and driving range will be open throughout the winter as long as there is no snow!

LIBERTY LAKE MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

NOVEMBER STORY TIMES AT THE LIBERTY LAKE LIBRARY

By Amy Dickeson

Children's Librarian



Mondays
10:15 and 11:00am
Baby Laptime
Books, Rhymes, and Music
Ages 9 months - 24 months

Tuesdays
10:30am
Toddler/Preschool
Story Time
Stories, music, and
dramatic play
18+ months



Fridays and Saturdays
10:30am
And Friday Afternoons at 1:00
Stories and Crafts
3 years and up

Nov 7, 8	Pigs
Nov 14, 15	Dogs
Nov 21, 22	Thanksgiving
Nov 29	Dinosaurs

NEW EVENTS @ THE LIBRARY!

- Family Game Night starts Thursday Nov. 6th from 5:30-7:30pm
- National Gaming Day on Saturday Nov. 15th from 10am-1pm
- TWILIGHT Movie Opening Party on Thursday Nov. 20th from 6-8pm



Liberty Lake Municipal Library

1421 N. Meadowwood Lane, Suite 130, 140 Liberty Lake, WA 99019

Phone: 509-232-2510 Fax: 509-232-2512

Q & A

HOW TO SUBMIT A QUESTION?

One of my goals as Mayor of Liberty Lake is to be as open as I can and give answers to some questions you may have. Hence, this special Question and Answer section in our newsletter gives you the chance to get those questions answered directly by me. Please send questions you may have to: wvanorman@libertylakewa.gov. I will try to answer most of your questions in upcoming newsletters. Until then, I look forward to meeting you.

MAYOR VAN ORMAN



To read more Questions & Answers visit our NEW Q & A Web Page: www.libertylakewa.gov/questions

Q: "I haven't heard much about the Liberty Lake Arboretum. Are there plans to construct it sometime soon?"

A: "The design phase for the Liberty Lake Arboretum has been completed this year, with the anticipation for the hardscapes to be constructed during the 2009 construction season. Several species of trees, plants and hardscapes have been identified in the design plan. Donations can be made to purchase any of the items to memorialize a loved one or help celebrate Arbor Day at the City. Watch for the link on our website soon."

Q: "I love the flowered entryway monuments into the City off of Harvard as well as the flower pots placed in the medians. Do you have any plans for a Country Vista entryway?"

A: "We will be constructing two entryway monuments, partnering with our neighboring City of Spokane Valley. Westbound lanes will say, "Welcome to the City of Liberty Lake", eastbound lanes will say, "Welcome to the City of Spokane Valley". Each jurisdiction will be sharing in the construction costs. The maintenance crew has done a beautiful job of keeping our community looking tip top shape. Thanks Ron, Mick, Jeff & Chris as well as all of the seasonal employees!"

Q: "Why do I still see people such as police officers using their cell phones while driving? Isn't it illegal?"

A: "The new cell phone law states that there are exceptions for the following: authorized emergency vehicles, tow truck drivers responding to a call, the reporting of illegal activity, an emergency call, or a call to prevent injury to a person or property. It is important to keep in mind that officers or other emergency personnel are not using cell phones while operating a vehicle for personal calls."

RCW 46.61.667: Using a wireless communications device while driving.

(1) A person operating a moving motor vehicle while holding a wireless communications device to his or her ear is guilty of a traffic infraction except as follows: An authorized emergency vehicle, or a tow truck responding to a disabled vehicle; A moving motor vehicle using a wireless communications device in hands-free mode; A moving motor vehicle using a hand-held wireless communications device to report illegal activity, summon medical or other emergency help, or prevent injury to a person or property; A moving motor vehicle while using a hearing aid.

(4) For purposes of this law, "hands-free mode" means the use of a wireless communications device with a speaker phone, headset, or earpiece.

(6) Enforcement of this law by law enforcement officers may be accomplished only as a secondary action when a driver of a motor vehicle has been detained for a suspected violation of this title or an equivalent local ordinance or some other offense.

ROCKY HILL PARK

By Troy Mullenix
Recreation Coordinator

Many have asked, what is going on with Rocky Hill Park? The good news is that Phase I of the park is finally finished. Hydro-seeding took place last week, and will be fully grown by the end of next spring. The hope is to have 6 soccer fields available to reserve by the fall of 2009 to help ease congestion at Liberty Lake Elementary and Pavillion Park.

On Friday Oct. 10th the City planted a tree on the eastern side of the landscaping barrier between the parking lot and Mission Ave. This was done to celebrate the City's 6th annual Arbor Day celebration.



The City placed 9th out of 75 in recent grant funding, and we are confident that we will be receiving the funds requested. If all goes according to plan, construction of Phase II could start as early as next summer. Preliminary plans for Phase II have been released and final plans will be set in the coming months. Phase II will include 2 tennis courts, a playground, restrooms, a pavilion structure, and a natural amphitheatre, with the possibility of more amenities. For the latest information, be sure to check our website.

ADULTS NIGHT OUT!

By Troy Mullenix
Recreation Coordinator



Because of the response we received from the last trip, Recreation Services is hosting another trip Monday Dec 8th from 4:00pm to 9:00pm, this time to the Coeur d' Alene Casino. FREE transportation will be provided, and everyone can enjoy a night filled with great food and entertainment! We have room for about 30 people. You must register online or at City Hall by Dec. 3rd. Open to adults 18+, even those outside city limits! For more information contact Recreation Services at 755-6726.

HAVE AN IDEA?

By Troy Mullenix
Recreation Coordinator

Have you ever had an idea for a new and exciting recreation offering? Perhaps you want to teach a special interest class? Now is the perfect time to get your idea into action. Simply go online and fill out a program proposal form, or stop on by City Hall. We are open to hearing all proposals or suggestions that you may have.

Let us know how we are doing by filling out our new recreation survey located on our website:
<http://www.libertylakewa.gov/survey/>.

GET INVOLVED!

For more information on recreation programs, activities, and events visit www.libertylakewa.gov/recreation or call Recreation Services at (509) 755-6726



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Sunday, Nov 2nd

- Daylight Savings Time Ends (Fall Back)

Tuesday, Nov 4th

- City Council Meeting Canceled
(next meeting scheduled for 11/18)
- Election Day

Wednesday, Nov 5th

- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—1pm, City Hall
- SCOPE Meeting, 6:30pm, City Hall

Thursday, Nov 6th

- Rotary Club Meeting, 12pm,
Denny Ashlock Building

Monday, Nov 10th

- Central Valley School Board Meeting
6:30pm, 19307 E. Cataldo Ave.

Tuesday, Nov 11th

- Veterans Day
- City Hall Closed



Wednesday, Nov 12th

- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—2pm, City Hall
- Planning Commission Meeting,
4pm, City Hall

Thursday, Nov 13th

- Rotary Club Meeting, 12pm,
Denny Ashlock Building

Tuesday, Nov 18th

- City Council Meeting, 7pm, City Hall

Wednesday, Nov 19th

- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—1pm, City Hall
- Sewer / Water Board Meeting, 7pm,
Denny Ashlock Building
- Meadowood Homeowner's Assoc.
Meeting, 7pm, City Hall

Thursday, Nov 20th

- Rotary Club Meeting, 12pm,
Denny Ashlock Building

Monday, Nov 24th

- Central Valley School Board Meeting
6:30pm, 19307 E. Cataldo Ave.

Wednesday, Nov 25th

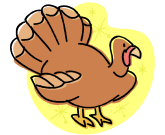
- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—1pm, City Hall

Thursday, Nov 27th

- Thanksgiving Day
- City Hall Closed

Friday, Nov 28th

- City Hall Closed



**Happy
Thanksgiving**

For more information on upcoming
meetings, visit our website:

<http://www.libertylakewa.gov/calendar>



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